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(ii) to state—

(a) how many of the offices have only one permanent clerk;

(b) how many of the sub-registrars are special magistrates and whether such sub-registrars have special establishment for doing the clerical work involved in carrying out magisterial duties;

(c) if there is serious excess over the standard work, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to provide adequate clerical establishment in the Registration offices;

(d) what is the number of hours of work a day required by standing orders from clerks in the Registration offices and what has been the actual average number of hours of attendance by each clerk in the several Sub-Registration offices in South Kanara in 1927–28;

(e) whether it is a fact that applications for encumbrance certificates have increased considerably and whether there is delay in meeting the public demand owing to the additional burden on the permanent establishment; and

(f) what steps have been taken or are being taken to relieve the strain to the existing permanent establishment in meeting the public demand?

A.—A report has been called for.

Industries

Grant of the first loan to the Carnatic Paper Mills Company, Limited.

*505 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government was aware when the first loan was granted what amount of money was required for the working capital of the Carnatic Paper Mills;

(b) whether the Government desired to advance the working capital also when the first loan was made;

(c) if so, why the amount was not lent; and

(d) if not, why the first loan was granted when the Government was satisfied that the mills were not likely to work at all for want of capital?

A.—(a) No; but the Company applied for six lakhs of rupees to discharge certain existing debts and provide a small working capital which they hoped to supplement by raising further share capital.

(b) No.

(c) & (d) The questions do not arise.

UNSTARRED QUESTION.

Irrigation

Alleged memorial about the Kattalai scheme to His Excellency the Governor from the ryots and mirasidars of Trichinopoly and other taluks.

506 Q.—Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a memorial was presented to His Excellency the Governor in the first week of September 1928, signed by a large number of ryots and mirasidars of the Kadaramabam parts of the Kulittalai and Trichinopoly taluks;

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(*b*) if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter;

(*c*) whether they propose to extend the area of irrigation in the Trichinopoly district by carrying out the Kattalai scheme; and

(*d*) whether more than 10,000 acres of wet lands were silted up during the floods of 1924 and whether the Government have any scheme for the utilization of the unused water for irrigating other lands in the Trichinopoly district?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The memorial is under the consideration of the Government.

(*c*) If by the expression 'Kattalai scheme' the hon. Member means the Kattalai canal scheme which formed part of the original Cauvery Reservoir Project, this is one of the questions to be considered along with others raised in the memorial.

(*d*) The total area of wet lands in the Trichinopoly district which were silted up during the floods of 1924 was 6,240·27 acres and the total extent of dry lands silted up was 1,043·21 acres.

As regards the enquiry in the latter portion of the clause, the whole question of extension of irrigation in the Trichinopoly district has been raised in the memorial which is under consideration. So far, the only scheme which is under consideration is the High Level channel scheme connected with the Right (or South) Bank canal, expected to irrigate 9,000 acres approximately.

II

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

12 noon. With reference to the answers given to questions Nos. 27 and 28 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 3rd September 1928, the Secretary laid on the table copies of G.O. No. 2113,[a] Revenue, dated 11th September 1928, giving the names of the villages selected for the collection of statistics relating to mortgages and the sale and lease values of lands in the East Godavari, West Godavari and Kistna districts.

With reference to the answer given to the supplementary question No. 1 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 3rd September 1928, the Secretary laid on the table copies of the note of the Revenue Department containing the report[b] of the Court of Wards regarding the increase of seigniorage rates in the forests of Bodokhemidi Estate.

With reference to the answer given to a supplementary question to question No. 261 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 8th September 1928, the Secretary laid on the table copies[c] of the statement showing the number of shops closed or opened in the Ceded districts after the formation of the Excise Advisory Committees.

Placed on Editors' Table.

b Printed as Appendix V at page 349–350 infra.

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